Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A program processing system for performing a program process using an electronic program guide, comprising:

a communication network;

a program processing apparatus for executing a program process, said apparatus having

a database for storing program reservation data identifying a reservation of particular externally broadcast programs for recording,

means for preparing a program condition data based, at least in part, on said reservation data,

means for receiving and storing a privacy level data having at least a first value and a second value,

means transmitting the stored privacy level data through said communication network, and

means for transmitting, based at least in part on said privacy level data, said program condition data through said network, wherein said transmitting selectively transmits said condition data when said privacy level data has said first value and is inhibited from transmitting said condition data when said privacy level data has said second value;

an electronic program guide preparation server, connected to said communication network, for preparing an electronic program guide;

wherein said electronic program guide preparation server includes ~~including~~ reception means for receiving said privacy level data and said condition data ~~regarding programs~~ through said ~~a~~ communication network, ~~determination means for~~ ~~determining a condition of each of the program based on the data regarding the~~

25 ~~programs, electronic program guide preparation~~ means for preparing an electronic

26 program guide <u>including</u> ~~of~~ a ~~modified~~ display form <u>showing a reservation status of</u>

27 <u>the externally broadcast programs</u> ~~wherein a selection~~ <u>based on</u> ~~section for~~

28 ~~performing a process in accordance with the~~ <u>said received</u> condition <u>data</u> ~~of each of~~

29 ~~the programs is displayed,~~ and transmission means for transmitting the prepared

30 electronic program guide to said program processing apparatus~~;~~<u>.</u>

31   <u>wherein</u> said program processing apparatus ~~including electronic program~~

32 ~~guide displaying means~~ <u>includes means</u> for displaying the electronic program guide

33 received through said communication network ~~and program processing means~~

34 ~~operable in response to selection of one of the selection sections displayed on the~~

35 ~~electronic program guide for executing a program process corresponding to the~~

36 ~~selected selection section;~~

37   ~~wherein said electronic program guide preparation server determines whether~~

38 ~~or not an electronic program guide should be distributed to said program processing~~

39 ~~apparatus based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from said program~~

40 ~~processing apparatus.~~

3. (Canceled)

1 4. (Currently Amended) <u>The</u> ~~A~~ program processing system <u>of</u> ~~as claimed in~~ claim 2,

2 wherein a <u>monetary</u> consideration which<u>,</u> differs depending upon <u>said</u> ~~a~~ privacy level

3 <u>data</u> ~~of information~~ sent from said program processing apparatus,<u> is</u> imposed for

4 ~~distribution of an electronic program guide from~~ said electronic program guide

5 preparation server <u>sending said electronic guide</u> to said program processing

6 apparatus.

5-12. (Canceled).

1 13. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein the program

2 processing apparatus further includes:

3   means for recording said externally broadcast programs; and

4   a recorded program database for storing information identifying externally
5   broadcast programs that have been recorded by said means for recording said
6   externally broadcast programs, and
7   wherein said means for preparing a program condition data prepares the
8   program condition data further based on said information stored in said recorded
9   program database.

1   14. (New) The program processing system of claim 13, wherein said program
2   processing apparatus further includes
3   a program playback section for retrieving and playing externally broadcast
4   programs stored in said recorded program database;
5   inputting means for receiving user commands relating to the electronic
6   program guide displayed by said means for displaying the electronic program guide
7   received from said electronic program guide preparation server; and
8   an operating instruction section for controlling said program playback section
9   based on said electronic program guide displayed by said means for displaying and
10   on said user commands.

1   15. (New) The program processing system of claim 13, wherein a monetary
2   consideration which, differs depending upon said privacy level data sent from said
3   program processing apparatus, is imposed for said electronic program guide
4   preparation server sending said electronic guide to said program processing
5   apparatus.

1   16. (New) The program processing system of claim 14, wherein a monetary
2   consideration which, differs depending upon said a privacy level data sent from said
3   program processing apparatus, is imposed for said electronic program guide
4   preparation server sending said electronic guide to said program processing
5   apparatus.